SKY MASTERS

JUDGE PARKER

BLONDIE

BEN BOLT

LIL ABNER

REX MORGAN

ARCHIE

JULIE JONES

POGO

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Garden Notes

Pink Peace at Last!

By M. V. CHESNUT, FRHS

"A flower unblown; a book unread;
A tree with fruit unharvested;
A path untrod; a house whose rooms
Lack yet the heart's divine perfumes;
A landscape whose wide border lies
In silent shade 'neath silent skies;
A wondrous fountain yet unsealed;
A casket with its gifts concealed—
This is the Year that for you waits
Beyond tomorrow's mystic gates."

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On the first day of 1959, I think we might get out the crystal ball and take a brief look at some of the floral gifts awaiting us "beyond tomorrow's mystic gates." It is rather wonderful to realize that while we have been pottering away in our gardens at the humble chores of digging, pruning and weeding, skilled plant scientists the world over have been cracking their skulls to produce bigger and better plants for us!

Probably the most noteworthy of the new flowers is the long-awaited rose Pink Peace, a great-granddaughter of Meilland's famous Peace rose. Pink Peace has the same iron-clad constitution as its great parent, with long, straight stems and shapely buds opening to huge, shimmering pink blossoms with 60 to 65 giant petals and a wonderful fragrance.

The color has something of the same radiant quality as those fluorescent paints you see on billboards these days—the flower looks as if it should glow in the dark!

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I am so glad that Francis Meilland lived long enough to see his masterpiece in bloom before his untimely death in Nice last summer.

Stripes are fashionable for 1959, and nowhere more than in the new petunias. I grew a big bed of the pink and white striped Glitters last year, and they made a terrific display until I squirted them inadvertently with weed killer instead of insecticide.

This year, though, there will be several new ones, including Minstrel, velvety purple with white stripes, and Spin the Bottle in blue and white stripes. Another newcomer in the petunias is Cherry Tart with frilly, fully double blooms in warm pink with white variegations.

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A new race of zinnias will be available this year under the name of Merry-Go-Round Hybrids. The flowers are rather like those of a cactus-flowered dahlia, but each petal is tipped with a spot of contrasting color, creating a most unusual optical illusion—if you stare at a flower for a minute or two, you'd swear the whole bloom was revolving!

Quite a good range of colors is available, including fire-red petals tipped with gold, purple tipped with silver, and orange-tipped white.

Hollywood Today — By Sheilah Graham

Liz Wants to Marry Now!

Elizabeth Taylor will not wait the required year for **Eddie Fisher** to get his California divorce decree. She wants to marry him now. And what Elizabeth wants, she usually gets. I'm told that Eddie has been buying her some very expensive presents. But he'll have to go some to compete with the gifts **Mike Todd** showered on the lady known as Liz.

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George Sanders and **Benita Colman** may postpone the marriage until after Jan. 1. Both are determined to avoid publicity. I wish them luck.

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The sizzling **Frank Sinatra-Martha Hyer** love scenes in "Some Came Running" will have audiences gasping. Director **Vincente Minnelli** shot them in silhouette to make sure they'd pass the censors.

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Lex Barker writes from Spain that he is making two movies, "Captain Fire", by day, and "The Avenger" by night. "I get about three hours sleep," adds Lex, plus the news that he is still single and in no rush to marry again.

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The **Mary Kaye** trio has fun with the "Zsa-Zsa-Zsa Cha-Cha-Cha."

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Dan Dailey fixed up an acre of his Chatsworth Ranch with stables, kennels, and a clubhouse for the West Hills Hunt Club, which he founded and serves as president.

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Tony Randall, asked what he would prefer doing if he were not an actor, replied, "I'd rather be dead."

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Handsome German star **Curt Jurgens** couldn't find a house to rent in Hong Kong, so he is living on a yacht with wife, servants and crew while filming "Ferry To Hong Kong," which is a nice way to live.

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Stella Stevens, the blonde beauty 20th Century-Fox signed for "The Jean Harlow Story," is dating Fleischmann yeast heir **Bill Holmes**.

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Sixteen-year-old **Sandra Dee** is off to New York for her third cross-country personal-appearance tour in a year. This time Sandra promotes "Stranger In My Arms" in which she co-stars with **Jeff Chandler** and **June Allyson**.

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Gossip from **Marlon Brando's** "One Eyed Jacks" picture at the Monterey location: **Ben Cooper**, who will be discharged from the army at Fort Ord this week, visiting. "It was like old home week," writes Ben, who renewed friendships with many of the Paramount crew who were with him on "The Rose Tattoo"—Ben's last movie before going into the service.

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Karl Malden, co-starring for the third time with Brando, is puzzled by people who offer compliments such as "among your type of actor, you're one of the five best!" Karl wants to know "is that a compliment?"

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Pina Pellicer, 22-year-old Mexican actress who makes her film debut opposite Brando, missed Christmas at home in Mexico City for the first time in her life. But her father, a prominent attorney south of the border, flew to join her.

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Marlon, as director and star, is working seven days a week—making sure that everything is just right for his first western. His average day, including actual shooting time, rehearsals, evening conferences and private preparation for the next day, usually runs about 15 to 18 hours.

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Sal Mineo has gained 12 pounds and has learned to swim like a porpoise for "The Pagan," the modernized version of the movie which showed **Ramon Novarro's** muscles and singing voice to star-making advantage 30 years ago. Producer **Phil Waxman** will use a Hawaiian locale for the south sea love story.

The Viewing World — By John Crosby

'Talk' Shows Spark Year

The year 1958 was hailed in advance by critics as one of television's worst. In advance, it looked terrible and frankly it hasn't been great, but it hasn't been all that bad. Ever since television emerged from the experimental phase, it has been billowing and expanding and heading for new horizons. Always there were horizons at which the broadcaster aimed at top speed.

In 1958, he stopped in his tracks. The recession was partly to blame. As one adman said, it took the guts out of the few people who had any. The more adventurous minds were lost to TV, some of them heading for the more lucrative field of the movies or the theatre; others were throttled by the unventuresome minds who increasingly took charge at the networks. Also—let's face it—after ten years there aren't so many horizons left to head for.

The year was full of Westerns which defy rational explanation—at least by me—but there were some surprises. Fred Astaire's special knocked the critics for a loop and also the public, that portion of it that saw it. It'll be repeated. Two big comedians—Jackie Gleason and Milton Berle—returned to network TV and by year's end one of them, Mr. Gleason, had already thrown in the towel on a show that simply wasn't very good. Mr. Berle was not setting the backwoods ablaze as he once did.

The "talk" shows were the surprise successes of the year, mostly because they provided more fireworks for the jaded columnists than any number of "Wagon Trains." Gleason talked to Arthur Godfrey. Oscar Levant talked to Jack Paar (whose show was full of all sorts of other talkers). Edward R. Murrow talked to a host of film stars and statesmen and writers on "Small World." Talk has hardly flourished like this since Samuel Johnson's coffee house days in the eighteenth century. And while the eighteenth century talk was probably better, it was not nearly so profitable.

Winning Contract

Vul: Neither

NORTH
♠ 7 6
♡ Q 10 7 5
◇ Q 10 6
♣ A Q 7 2

WEST
♠ 10 5 4 3
♡ K 9 4
◇ A J 5
♣ J 9 8

EAST
♠ A 9 8 2
♡ J 8 3 2
◇ K 3 2
♣ 5 4

SOUTH (D)
♠ K Q J
♡ A 6
◇ 9 8 7 4
♣ K 10 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♡	Pass
1 N.T.	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 N.T.	All Pass		

Opening lead: ♠ 3

"Only the brave deserve the fair" is an old proverb rarely true in bridge, where an excess of bravery is the average player's most costly fault. Today's hand is a rare exception; it enjoyed a success that can only be expensive in the long run. With only 23 high-card points in the combined North-South hands, declarer proceeded to make his three no-trump contract.

North's heart response is correct, while his subsequent rebid of three clubs can hardly be faulted. South's final bid is also quite reasonable, as North might have been slightly stronger.

East took the opening lead with the spade ace and returned another spade, won by South's king. Declarer led a small diamond; finessed dummy's ten-spot, and East's king won. Another spade was played, and South took the queen. He led the diamond nine; West covered with the jack, and the queen won in dummy. West won the next diamond lead, cashed his last spade, and declarer claimed the rest—making two spades, one heart, two diamonds and four clubs for a very lucky game. The odds against spades breaking four-four and the short diamond jack on side were quite considerable.

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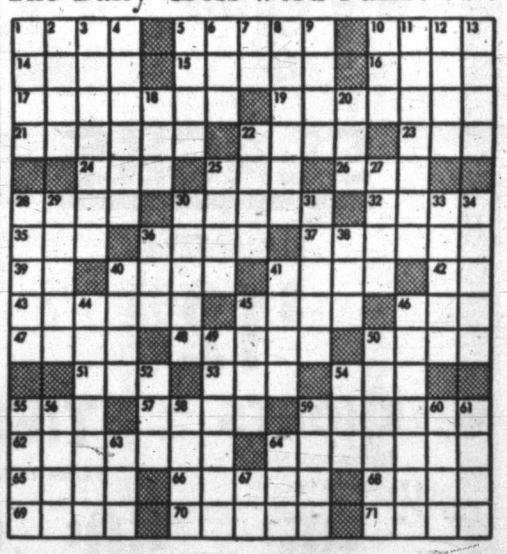

ACROSS
1. Small insect.
5. European herring.
10. Shield (var.).
14. Graven image.
15. Kind of boat.
16. Hindu queen.
17. Egyptian god.
19. Experienced a prickling sensation.
21. Made lace edging.
22. Geometric figure.
23. Confederate general.
24. Pacific Island screw pine (pl.).
25. Rocky pinnacle.
26. Sorrow.
28. Shoemaker's tool (pl.).
30. Wash in clear water.
32. Designed U.S. flag.
35. New Guinea city.
36. Part of camera.
37. Hypnotic state.
39. Kind of fish.
40. Observes.
41. Lend.
42. Correlative of either.
43. A sea nymph.
45. Color slightly.
46. Part of foot.
47. Kind of cheese.
48. Halts.
50. Small child (pl.).
51. Excavation.
53. Abstract being.
54. Make mistake.
55. Kiln.
57. Hotel (pl.).
59. Author.
63. Gushed.
64. Grazing land.
65. Book palm.
66. Drinker.
68. Silkworm.
69. Walk.
70. Trojan hero.
71. Tear asunder.

DOWN
1. Pos.
2. Notion.
3. Twisted.
4. Lifts spirits of.
5. Slide.
6. Footlike part.
7. Right (abbr.)
8. Stage performers.
9. Slender.
10. Unit of energy.
11. Medieval warship.
12. Arrow poison.
13. Border.
18. Measure of ancient Rome.
20. Recent.
22. Regards studiously.
26. Metal containers.
27. Algerian seaport.
28. Girl's name.
29. Walked in water.
30. Tall marsh grasses.
31. Short jackets.
33. Dart.
34. Withers.
36. Hawaiian wreath.
38. Rodent.
40. Prefix: half.
41. Part of mouth (pl.).
44. Ecstasy.
45. Measure of weight (pl.).
46. Torment.
49. Sinew.
50. More hackneyed.
52. Small bird.
54. Bitter vetch.
55. Kilns.
56. Quarrel.
58. Upper tone of disjunct tetrachord.
59. Armed conflicts
60. Ireland.
61. Peruse.
63. Knock.
64. Edible seed.
67. Hebrew letter.

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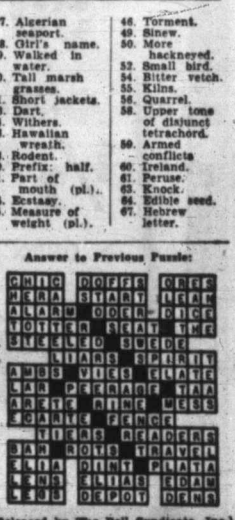

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